

**Preston City  
Congregational Church**



**Week of July 3, 2022  
July 10, 2022**

Church Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday, 9AM – Noon

**Have a question?  
Need help?**

Please call: The Office  
860.887.4647 or 860.886.7200

**MINISTER**

REVEREND RAEFIELD PERTEET

Cell/Text: 1-617-866-3524

*"Where the door is always open"*

Call the office to schedule an  
appointment

**WORSHIP AND WEB STREAM  
INFORMATION**

Summer Worship service at 9:30AM.

For those who are unable to attend in-  
person, the 9:30AM service is  
streamed live. Go to

[prestoncitycongregational.org](http://prestoncitycongregational.org). and  
click the stream button. Previous  
services may be viewed using the  
archive system on the site.

Live viewings last week: 28; 2  
countries; 11 states; 21 cities.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AA** Wed. 7:30P Dudek Hall

**Vacation Bible School  
July 11–15 9A-Noon**

**COVID UPDATE 3/16/2022**

The Standing Committee has  
determined that wearing masks is  
optional.

**MAY 22 – SEPTEMBER 4**

Join us for  
**LEMONADE ON THE  
LAWN following our  
Sunday service.**



**FROM THE MINISTER...**

This week we celebrated our nation's freedom. But also, let's never forget to celebrate the freedom that also comes from our spiritual heritage. I encourage you to reflect on our spiritual freedom as seen in the poetic verse below.

**Freedom**

Freedom in Jesus  
Is knowing the way  
To trust what he plans  
For our lives each day

To believe he's our friend  
To grow in His love  
To shower on others  
His light from above

Freedom in Jesus  
Is surrendering all,  
Knowing His voice  
Through the rise and the fall

To breathe in His goodness  
To master His word  
While adoring His presence  
As the good news is heard

Freedom in Jesus  
Is freedom indeed  
And joyfully doing  
For others good deeds

Freedom in Jesus  
Is willingness of heart  
To give him your all-  
To surrender, every part

For He is the answer  
To doubt and fear  
Give him your burden  
He handles each care

He brings light in our darkness  
He lifts when we fall  
And he cleanses our hearts,  
when we heed to His call

Freedom in Jesus  
Is to joyfully live  
Through the good and the bad  
and to trust forgiveness He gives

So each time you remember  
He died for your sins  
With new life in the Savior  
Your freedom begins

Sharon Lagueux

Remaining in the Light,

Rev. Rae



**YeeHaw! HAY DAY VBS** starts Monday July 11th @ 9:00a.m. There are still a few slots open so email/text me ([dre.prestoncity@gmail.com](mailto:dre.prestoncity@gmail.com) or text 860-710-1262) if your child/grandchild would still like to come! Don't forget your \$5.00 (if you haven't paid already) & a plain white t-shirt to tie-dye. We end everyday @ Noon.

On **Friday, July 15th EVERYONE is invited** to come cheer on the kids and join them in singing Hay Day songs, playing games & eating under the Pavilion. Sign-up sheet is on the main bulletin board across from Halls' Hall.

All VBS Farm Hands (helpers) are invited to attend a brief meeting Sunday July 10th starting @ 10:30 a.m. Will go over assignments, expectations, and answer all your questions.

Unfortunately, the impossible POSSIBLE MISSION WEEKEND Event scheduled for July 15th -17th is cancelled. We only had a couple of students sign up. We will attempt this again next summer!

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** is on pause until the fall.

"Looking forward to mining the word of God together again at that time." Rev. Rae

**SPECIAL MUSIC**



If you have a talent that you would like to share at our morning services, please sign your name and phone number on the bulletin board located in front of Dudek Hall or call the church office (860 887-4647).

**CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES**

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**

No requests this week.  
Check again next week.  
**We are here if you need us!**



**THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** is looking for an interim coordinator.

If you are interested in helping to direct this ministry and able to help, please call the church office.



**The Supper Committee** thanks everyone who helped with the Chicken BBQ Dinner- from the cooks to those who purchased dinners.

A profit of \$1089.14 was realized, which will help support our church budget.



## BINGO at Strawberry Park



**Thank you** to those who sign up to assist and continue to make this a successful mission for our church which helps to supplement our church budget.

We are one of the non-profit organizations that assist at the games selling cards and receive funds which are used to offset our budget. Please sign-up if you are able to help; we need three workers to sell cards at each session. Sign-up to help on the Bingo calendars posted on the mid-level bulletin

board just outside Dudek (Sunday School) Hall. Lee Ann Fessenden, Lisa Fessenden, Shirley Hodkinson and Sue Riley are the co-chairmen this session.



### **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!**

**We have a 12-day session coming up, July 30-August 10, and we need workers to sell cards.**

Sign-up on the calendar on the bulletin board at church or contact one of the chairpersons.

Do you have a Personal Identification Number (PIN) necessary to help? The office has the information and forms available to get you started if you don't! You must be a church member to receive a PIN.

## MEMORIAL BRICK GARDEN

We are again offering the opportunity for you to purchase a brick to be placed in our Memorial Garden in the lower parking lot beside the walkway. You can purchase a brick in honor of, in celebration of, or in memory of someone. A 4"x 8" brick costs \$75, and can have up to engraving and up to 18 characters per line. 8"x 8" brick costs \$125, can have up to six lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line. Order forms can be found on the table in the mid-level hallway and on the following page. Speak with Joy or Rich Chalifoux if you have any questions.

**Orders will be received through the end of July.**



## YOUR TURN

Do you have a *brief* and encouraging message to share with your church family? Send it to the office or: [Susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.brosnan@gmail.com) and you may see your message in next week's *Little Pilgrim*.

## LITTLE PILGRIM COORDINATOR

Please send information to be included in the newsletter no later than Tuesday at noon each week: [Susan.brosnan@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.brosnan@gmail.com) or 860 889-0768.

## LAST WORD



Preston City Congregational Church

Preston City Congregational Church has created a memorial brick garden where everyone who visits the church can see the names of people who have meant so much to us over the years.

It is a chance to honor our loved ones in a lasting place.

Preston City Congregational Church has been an anchor in Preston for over 323 years and now you have an opportunity to have someone special to you memorialized alongside others so everyone who visits the church will see the impact a garden like this can have.

Questions, Call Joy Chalifoux at 860-234-1011

Yes, we would like to reserve a permanent brick. Please engrave our brick as follows:

ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)

ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

4X8 Brick is 3 lines 18 characters \$75.00

8X8 Brick is 6 lines 18 characters \$125.00.

4 x 8 Brick


8 x 8 Brick


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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Preston City Congregational Church  
 321 Route 164  
 Preston Ct. 06365  
 860-887-4647

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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